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Fighting Malnutrition:
Rotary Club of Manila's
Commitment to a
Healthier Future
for Filipino Children

Let's Stop the Spread
of Diseases and Save
Lives Against Rabies

a SPEDcial
Christmas Party



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PROGRAM

17th Weekly Membership Meeting
Rotary Year 2024-2025
Thursday, 5 December 2024, 12:30 PM
Manila Polo Club

Moderator: **PDG VICENTE "Vince" J. CARLOS**

PART I

- 12:00 PM Registration
Welcome Serenade
SANTIAGO TRILLANA ACADEMY CONCERT CHORUS
- 12:30 PM CALL TO ORDER | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**
Invocation | **RTN. CARLOS "Caloy" G. SERAPIO**
Philippine National Anthem | **AVP of RCM Members**
The Four (4) Way Test | **RTN. VICTOR "Vic" GARCIA III**
Acknowledgement of Guests
PDG VICENTE "Vince" J. CARLOS
Welcome Song | **RCM WF MUSIC CHORALE**
Birthday Celebrants
Nov. 29 Rtn. Brendon Yujuico Dec. 02 Rtn. Raul Canon
Dec. 01 Rtn. Teddy Ocampo Dec. 03 PT Karlo Castro
Dec. 02 Rtn. Ed Reyes Dec. 05 Rtn. Christopher Zimmer
Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday Song | **RCM WF Chorale**

PART II

- 12:50 PM President's Time | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**
- Report on SPED project
- PD Issam's Update on Kowloon East's 55th Anniv. Fund Raising Ball
- Induction of New Members
Introduction of new members 1. PP Arsenio "Archit" M. Bartolome III
2. Pres. Jujut Enriquez
- Joaquin L. Arambulo**
Executive Director / Founder
Business & Technology Consultancy Mgt. Service
Classification: Consultancy – Management Information System
Proposer: PP Arsenio "Archit" M. Bartolome III
 - Stefan Yordanov**
President Finance & VP Strategy and Corp. Projects
Lufthansa Technik Philippines, Inc.
Classification: Air Transportation – General Aviation
Proposer: PP Jujut Enriquez
- Oath of Membership | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**
Presentation of the flag of Bulgaria

PART III

- 12:55 PM Introduction of the Guest of Honor and Speaker
PVP FAUSTO D.R. PREYSLER, JR.
Guest of Honor and Speaker
Address:
Her Excellency MARYKAY L. CARLSON
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
Embassy of the United States of America to the Philippines
- 1:30 PM Open Forum / Q.A.
- 1:45 PM Appreciation Song
SANTIAGO TRILLANA ACADEMY CONCERT CHORUS
- 1:50 PM Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**
- 2:00 PM Adjournment | **PRES. JUJUT ENRIQUEZ**



Her Excellency MaryKay L. CARLSON

Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary
Embassy of the United States of America
to the Philippines

AMBASSADOR MaryKay Loss Carlson was nominated by President Biden on February 4, 2022, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Republic of the Philippines. She was confirmed by the Senate on May 5, 2022. Ambassador Carlson is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Minister-Counselor.

She previously served as the Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d'affaires at the U.S. Embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Prior to her assignment to Argentina, she served as Deputy Chief of Mission and Chargé d'affaires in New Delhi, India, and held the position of Principal Deputy Executive Secretary for the Secretary of State in Washington, D.C. A Foreign Service officer since 1985, she has served at U.S. Diplomatic Missions in China (twice), Ukraine, Hong Kong, Mozambique, Kenya, and the Dominican Republic. Her domestic assignments include Director of the

Secretary's Executive Secretariat Staff and Deputy Director of Korean Affairs.

A native of Little Rock, Arkansas, Ambassador Carlson received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish and International Studies from Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee. She holds Master's Degrees from Georgetown University (International Relations) and the National War College (National Security Studies). She is married to retired Foreign Service officer Aubrey Carlson, and they have two daughters.

Santiago Trillana Academy Concert Chorus



TRANSCENDING our individual differences, we chorale members discovered depth within the notes and melodies. It was the raw, collective expression of emotion of joy, sorrow, and hope that drew us in.

Mr. Jopet E. Pangilinan, the esteemed choir conductor, commits his perfect blend of technical expertise and an unwavering passion for music to guiding each member, fostering a spirit of collaboration and artistry. With his leadership, the choir delivers musical experiences that are not only harmonious but also deeply stirring and emotionally resonant. Mr. Pangilinan transforms each performance into a celebration of musicality and heartfelt expression.

A profound sense of coordination and artistic collaboration resonates in every song and is brought to life through the invaluable support of Mr. Lodovico S. Cruz, the choir

adviser, and Ms. Michelle Andrea C. Umali, the choir moderator. Together, they form a powerful partnership that elevates the artistry of every performance into a breath-taking showcase of talent and dedication.

Wrapping up another harmonious season, the company of the STA CONCERT CHORUS set the stage ablaze with every note. Featuring the stellar voices that carry stories, emotions, and dreams: we introduce members: Abigail Bautista, Alexandra Mojica, Claudia Lopez, Deniel Del Rosario, Erwin Dela Cruz, Hannah Alimorong, Janna Roxas, Joyce De Leon, Karl

Macalino, Kevin Pinlac, Kian Cosep, Lyka Capili, Rye Santos, and Sophia Yuda. Choirs are more than groups; they are a symphony of dedication, where differences dissolve into harmonies and limitations are surpassed by shared purpose. They are a true testament to the heart and spirit of STA.



EDITORIAL

Reginald T. Yu
Editor-in-Chief



THE recently concluded United States Presidential elections have reverberated across the globe, leaving not only Americans but the international community contemplating the consequences of a deeply divided electorate. In a world still reeling from economic upheavals, geopolitical uncertainty, and the lingering effects of the global pandemic, the election results carry profound significance — none more so than in countries like the Philippines, whose historical, diplomatic, and economic ties to the United States run deep.

Amidst the shifting sands of political change in Washington, the arrival of Her Excellency Ambassador MaryKay L. Carlson as the guest-of-honor and speaker at the Rotary Club of Manila comes at a critical juncture. Her presence at the prestigious gathering served as a reaffirmation of the enduring alliance between the Philippines and the United States, a relationship forged through shared history, mutual defense, and close economic collaboration. As the torch of

leadership passes from one American president to another, the Ambassador's message highlights the importance of continuity, partnership, and the collective pursuit of peace and prosperity in the face of unprecedented global challenges.

The U.S. elections showcased the vibrancy — and volatility — of democracy in action. With fiercely debated issues such as healthcare, climate change, immigration, and foreign policy taking center stage, the American people have spoken, casting their votes not only for their domestic future but also for the role the United States will play on the world stage. For the Philippines, this electoral outcome is more than an overseas event — it signals a potential recalibration of the critical partnership that has shaped our nation's defense, economic development, and regional diplomacy for over a century.

Her Excellency Ambassador Carlson's address to the Rotary Club of Manila could not have come at a more pivotal moment. As the official representative of the United States to the Philippines, she carries the weight of her nation's goodwill and intent, articulating a vision of continued cooperation amidst

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evolving challenges. In her capable hands, the diplomatic dialogue between our two nations remains robust, alive with possibility, and grounded in the enduring values of democracy, human rights, and mutual respect.

The Rotary Club of Manila, the oldest Rotary Club in Asia, has long been a bastion of civic leadership and international discourse, providing a unique platform for meaningful conversations on matters of national and global importance. The decision to host Ambassador Carlson as the keynote speaker demonstrates the club's commitment to fostering not only local change but also global understanding. In addressing the club, Ambassador Carlson likely emphasized that the friendship between the U.S. and the Philippines is not just a relic of the past but a living, evolving partnership poised to confront the challenges of the future.

Indeed, as the Philippines continues to navigate its own path to economic recovery in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the value of this alliance cannot be overstated. U.S. investments in the Philippines — whether in trade, technology, or defense — play an indispensable role in fortifying the

country's foundations for growth. With an evolving geopolitical landscape, marked by the rise of new powers in the Indo-Pacific and growing concerns over regional security, the strength of the U.S.-Philippine defense cooperation remains vital to preserving peace and stability in the region.

It is no secret that American assistance, through the Mutual Defense Treaty and other bilateral agreements, has been instrumental in enabling the Philippines to address internal security threats, from terrorism to maritime challenges. But beyond defense, the partnership extends into realms that touch the daily lives of Filipinos — education, health, trade, and governance. These are areas where U.S. influence, leadership, and support have long contributed to the country's development.

Yet, the significance of the U.S. elections is not limited to the realm of security or economics. It reverberates in the deeper, more profound spheres of values and identity. The U.S., long regarded as the bastion of democracy, now grapples with internal divisions that echo across the globe, challenging long-held notions of stability and unity. As a developing democracy, the

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Philippines has much to learn from the American experience — its triumphs, but also its struggles. In this sense, the electoral process we have witnessed across the Pacific holds lessons for us all, urging us to reflect on the nature of governance, the importance of civic engagement, and the delicate balance of power and accountability.

Ambassador Carlson's role as a diplomat goes beyond political rhetoric; she represents the human face of diplomacy, one that seeks to foster relationships, bridge divides, and ensure that the ties between nations remain unbroken in times of turbulence. In her capacity as the U.S. Ambassador to the Philippines, she not only speaks for the government she represents but also for the shared aspirations of the Filipino and American people — a future of prosperity, peace, and cooperation. Her remarks at the Rotary Club of Manila undoubtedly underscored the shared sacrifices and triumphs that have brought our nations together, and the mutual respect that will sustain this partnership through the challenges that lie ahead.

As the Philippines looks toward its own political future, with national elections on the horizon, the lessons from

America's democratic process will weigh heavily on the minds of both leaders and citizens. The enduring friendship between our two countries, championed by diplomats like Ambassador Carlson, offers a beacon of hope — a reminder that even in times of uncertainty, alliances built on trust, respect, and common purpose will endure.

The Rotary Club of Manila has, once again, provided a forum for these important discussions to take place. Ambassador Carlson's presence signifies more than a diplomatic courtesy; it represents a renewal of commitment, a pledge that as the world changes, the partnership between the Philippines and the United States will remain steadfast.

In the aftermath of the U.S. Presidential elections, as the world waits to see how America's new leadership will chart its course, the Philippines must stand ready — ready to seize opportunities, ready to strengthen its own democratic institutions, and ready to deepen its relationship with its oldest ally. For in this partnership lies not only the history of two nations but the promise of a shared future.



cover story

Fighting Malnutrition: Rotary Club of Manila's Commitment to a Healthier Future for Filipino Children

by PVP Reginald T. Yu

JDAQUIN "JACK" C. RODRIGUEZ, SR.

Rotary

ON THURSDAY, November 28, 2024, the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) held its 16th Weekly Membership Meeting at the prestigious Manila Polo Club, marking another significant moment in its ongoing mission to make a positive impact in the lives of

Filipinos and the global community. The meeting, attended by esteemed members and guests, featured a guest speaker whose expertise in the field of nutrition and public health resonated deeply with the club's values of service above self.



Opening the Meeting with Dedication and Purpose

The event began promptly at 12:30 PM with a warm welcome from President Jujut Enriquez, who called the meeting to order. The day's proceedings began with an invocation by Rtn. Dr. Paul Koh, setting the tone for reflection and gratitude. The National Anthem and the Rotary Club of Manila Hymn, beautifully performed by the RCM World Famous Music Chorale, followed, reminding everyone present of their shared purpose to serve humanity.



President Jujut Enriquez called the meeting to order.



DSAA John M. Cutter moderated the meeting.



Rtn. Dr. Paul Koh led the invocation.



Vice-President Joel Valdes led the recitation of the Four-Way Test.

As tradition dictates, Vice-President Joel Valdes led the assembly in reciting the Four-Way Test, reinforcing the ethical principles that guide Rotarians in their service. Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms Dr. John Cutter then acknowledged the distinguished guests, ensuring that everyone present felt valued and appreciated.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez during the President's Time.

The atmosphere was celebratory as the meeting recognized the birthdays of Rtn. Ricky Laurel (Nov. 24), PD Tony Lopez (Nov. 25), and Rtn. Raymond Alberto (Nov. 26), with the RCM World Famous Music Chorale singing a heartfelt rendition of the Maligayang Bati / Happy Birthday song.

MOA Signing with Abbot Laboratories



Pres. Jujut Enriquez (seated, left) and Mr. Angelico Escobar, Gen. Manager for Nutrition, Abbott Laboratories (seated, right), formally signed the MOA on the 'Beat Malnutrition' program between RC Manila and Abbott Laboratories.

Standing, from left: DSAA John Cutter; SAA Jason Bogovich; Dr. Jose Rodolfo Dimaano, Nutrition Medical Director for Asia Pacific, Abbott; and Ms. Sharon Mak, Public Affairs Director for Asia Pacific



A Message of Hope and Health: Guest Speaker Dr. Jose Rodolfo V. Dimaano, Jr.

The centerpiece of the meeting was the guest address delivered by Dr. Jose Rodolfo V. Dimaano, Jr., MD, the Nutrition Medical Director for Asia Pacific at Abbott. Dr. Dimaano's expertise and his organization's efforts to address malnutrition worldwide were of particular significance, given the challenges faced by children and families in the Philippines and across the globe.

His speech was both a call to action and a message of hope, as he outlined the gravity of malnutrition and the collaborative efforts required to address this pressing issue. Dr. Dimaano emphasized that **malnutrition remains a global health burden**, affecting one in three people worldwide, across all ages and socio-economic classes. He pointed to startling statistics, noting that **148 million children under the age of five are stunted, and 462 million adults are underweight**—issues that continue to undermine human potential and hinder economic development.



SAA Jason Bogovich introduced the guest speaker.

In the Philippines, malnutrition rates remain alarmingly high, with **29.6% of children under five years old suffering from stunting**, and **19.1% classified as underweight**. This crisis not only affects children's health but also their future, as **stunted growth leads to reduced educational attainment**, impaired cognitive development, and lower earning potential. Dr. Dimaano explained how these factors perpetuate cycles of poverty and hinder national progress.



Guest speaker Dr. Jose Rodolfo V. Dimaano, Jr., MD, Nutrition Medical Director for Asia Pacific at Abbott

A Focus on Stunting: The Path to Change

Dr. Dimaano drew particular attention to stunting, which he described as one of the most severe consequences of malnutrition, particularly in young children. The statistics from the Philippines and other regions of Asia are particularly troubling: **13 of the 17 regions in the country report stunting rates above 30%**, a level that the World Health Organization considers high.

The Philippines is not alone in its struggle. Dr. Dimaano pointed out that across Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, and Sub-Saharan Africa, countries are grappling with high rates of malnutrition, particularly stunting, which affects cognitive development and productivity. However, he also offered hope, stressing that **nutrition projects aimed at reducing stunting** offer some of the most effective interventions for improving economic and social outcomes, particularly in countries like the Philippines, where such programs can make a dramatic difference.

Government and Global Solutions: Collaborative Efforts to Address Malnutrition

Dr. Dimaano highlighted the vital role of government programs in addressing the malnutrition crisis. The Department of Science and Technology-Food and Nutrition Research Institute (DOST-FNRI) has been a leading force in tackling undernutrition, with programs like the **Malnutrition Reduction Program (MRP)** targeting infants and young children. The **PINO Strategy**, a critical component of this program, aims to provide nutritional support to children aged 6 to 23 months, particularly through rice-mongo-based complementary foods, along with nutrition education for mothers and caregivers.

Abbott, the global healthcare leader represented by Dr. Dimaano, is also playing a central role in this fight. Through its **Abbott Center for Malnutrition Solutions**, the company is working to **identify, treat, and prevent malnutrition** on a systems level.

Abbott's efforts are focused on **maternal, infant, and young child health**, improving **access to care for the under-resourced**, and promoting **healthy aging**.

Abbott's **2030 Sustainability Plan** aims to impact **3 billion people** annually by the decade's end, transforming care for malnutrition, chronic diseases, and infectious diseases worldwide. The company's commitment to **leveraging science and innovation** in the fight against malnutrition aligns perfectly with the goals of Rotary International, which continues to champion sustainable development and health worldwide.



Dr. Jose Rodolfo Dimaano engaged in an interactive conversation with Rtn. Senen Mangalile, VP Joel Valdes, PDG Alex Cureg, STAR Rtn. John Simon, and DSAA John Cutter.



A Call to Action: Building a Sustainable Future

In his concluding remarks, Dr. Dimaano reiterated that **sustainability begins with health**. Good health is the foundation for thriving individuals and strong communities. At Abbott, sustainability is not just about business—it's about delivering long-term impact through **innovative healthcare solutions** that will improve the lives of people everywhere.

For Rotary Club of Manila members, this powerful message resonated deeply. As a service club that consistently focuses on addressing the critical needs of the community, members were reminded of the importance of continuing to work together—locally and globally—to create sustainable change.



Dr. Jose Rodolfo Dimaano received RCM's Plaque of Appreciation, witnessed by VP Joel Valdes, Pres. Jujut Enriquez, and SAA Jason Bogovich.

Closing Remarks and Certificates of Appreciation

After Dr. Dimaano's inspiring address, the meeting opened for an engaging open forum, where members had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss further steps in addressing malnutrition.

President Jujut Enriquez closed the meeting by presenting Dr. Dimaano with a Certificate of Appreciation for his invaluable insights and contribution to the cause of better health and nutrition.



Pres. Jujut Enriquez adjourned the meeting.

The meeting adjourned with a renewed sense of purpose, with members of the Rotary Club of Manila reaffirming their commitment to the ideals of service above self and the pursuit of a healthier, more sustainable future for all.

As the Rotary Club of Manila continues its work in the Philippines and around the world, this week's meeting underscores the critical role of nutrition in building a brighter future. By supporting initiatives like Abbott's Center for Malnutrition Solutions and government-led programs, Rotarians are empowered to make a difference in the lives of children and families, paving the way for a healthier, more prosperous tomorrow.

Meeting Fellowship



by PE/PBLA Raoul Creencia



DETERMINING OUR 'WHY'

IN everything we do, we must be conscious about and determine our “why”, which is a powerful step in defining our purpose, our motivation, and our inspiration. The “why” is the underlying reason behind all our actions, hence having clarity about it is an imperative. The same step is equally important when we work with others in a service and/or professional group or organization. The “whys” of all concerned must be in harmony, as it is important to ensure that everyone is rowing the boat towards the same port. This is the importance of undertaking a joint examination and a determination of the common objective. When we do so, we are able to clarify our mission, align our actions, make each step consistent with our shared values, inspire each other to be better individuals, and ultimately encourage everyone to participate with more dedication and commitment. In time, others will also be inspired to come and join the beating of the drums and march to the beat of these drums.

Determining our “why” starts with a reflection of what actually motivates us. It involves an introspection, a self-examination

to define and identify what specific impact we want to make, what values we hold dear, and what principles should guide and mold our decisions. Indeed, understanding our “why” involves self-discovery and uncovering our core values, beliefs, and desires. As Rotarians, we know that the mantra “service above self” is our constant compass, and the Four-Way test in the things that we think, say, and do serves as our reliable GPS to help seamlessly navigate our journey and make ourselves better persons.

On December 6, our very own RCMFI Chair and RCM PVP Reggie Yu will be honored by his Alma Mater, Xavier School. Notably, Xavier emphasizes excellence, service and leadership rooted in the values of competence, conscience and compassionate service. According to the school website, the Xavier-Kuangchi Award for Exemplary Alumni is being conferred to remarkable graduates “whose sustained commitment to and leadership of socio-civic organizations provide inspiration to us all.” More specifically, Chair and PVP Reggie is being recognized “for his tireless commitment to service and excellence, through over four decades of engagement with and leadership of a broad cross section of organizations.” As a tireless and devoted Manila Rotarian, among his many worthy undertakings, Reggie’s life is an inspiring tale of scholarship and service, hence this recent recognition (to add to his many previous awards) is truly well deserved. To our dear Editor-in-Chief, *Mabuhay* and congratulations!

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

RCM Members' Attendance Report
RY 2024-2025

November 2024

NOVEMBER 2024	November 07, 2024 RMAF PRESIDENT & CEO SUSAN B. AFAN	November 14, 2024 NO WEEKLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING	November 21, 2024 FORMER ILOCOS SUR GOVERNOR LUIS "CHAVIT" SINSON	November 28, 2024 JOSE RODRIGO V. DIMAANO, JR., NUTRITION MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR ASIA PACIFIC, ABBOT
MEMBERS PRESENT	30	0	34	26
MEMBERS PRESENT %	18%	0%	15%	11%
MAKE UP ATTENDEES	24	0	10	0
EXEMPTED	4	0	5	9
ON LEAVE	0	0	0	3
Total Active Members	50	0	39	0
Total # of Members	234	234	228	227
TOTAL %:	21%	0%	17%	13%
ROTARACTORS	4	0	0	3
MEDIA	0	0	2	3
EMBASSIES / DIPLOMATIC CORPS	0	0	0	0
DG, DGE, DGN, PDG	0	0	0	0
GOHS / GS	1	0	3	3
VISITING ROTARIAN	0	0	1	0
Guests of RCM MEMBERS	7	0	13	7
TOTAL ATTENDEES	42	0	51	42

LIST OF ATTENDEES
16th Weekly Membership Meeting
November 28, 2024

1	ALEX CUREG
2	ANTON MAURICIO
3	ARCHIT BARTOLOME
4	BOY GUEVARA
5	BRENDAN EGAN
6	CALOY SERAPIO
7	DANIEL OBRADO
8	DAVID REYNOLDS
9	DEL LORENZANA
10	EDWIN HERNANDEZ
11	FAUSTO PREYSTER
12	HENRY GO
13	INGRILL RA
14	ISSAM ELDEBS
15	JASON BOGOVICH
16	JOEL VALDES
17	JOHN CUTTER
18	JOHN SIMON
19	JUJUT ENRIQUEZ
20	KAZU NOMURA
21	MIGUEL LAZARO
22	NER LONZAGA
23	OSCAR DEL ROSARIO
24	PAUL KOH
25	SENEEN MANGALILE
26	SHIGERU SHIMODA

List of Members Who Have Paid
Their Annual Dues for RY 2024-2025

As of December 4, 2024

1	ABOY VALENTINO G	83	LEE RICHARD L
2	ACOSTA CRISPINIANO G	84	LEM DAVID EDUARDO T
3	ALBAÑA MICHAEL JAEY C	85	LEM RICHARD
4	ALCANTARA SIDRO C	86	LOCIN ARSENIO Z
5	ALDAY ALBERT	87	LONZAGA REINERIO
6	ALINGOG ALDOUS A	88	LOPEZ ARTHUR M
7	ANDAL AVELINO L	89	LORENZANA DELFIN
8	ARAGON JOSHUA REUBEN G	90	MACAPAGAL MICHAEL T
9	ARGUELLES PABLO C	91	MACATOMAN ABDULGANI
10	AVENTURA AVENIO JR L	92	MAGBANUA GERRY P
11	BAGATSING VALENTINO S	93	MAGSAYSAY FRANCISCO D
12	BALANAY ARIES B	94	MANGALAYSAY CESAR P
13	BARTOLOME ARSENIO III M	95	MANGALILE SENEN T
14	BEDONES RODOLFO P	96	MARTINEZ RONALD I
15	BELLA GERONIMO JR D	97	MATSCHUCK GUENTER GERHARD G
16	BELLO CHRISTIAN CESAR	98	MAURICIO ANTONILO DC
17	BENEDICTO SIXTO T	99	MENDOZA ESTELITO P
18	BERTELSEN BERTEL I	100	MENDOZA MIGUEL
19	BLANCO MANUEL M	101	MENDOZA RAYMUND JOSEPH IAN O
20	BOGOVICH JASON M	102	MOMMAERTS STEVE
21	BOTTON WILHELM	103	NOLIDO RAMON ALBERTO B
22	BRANELLEC JACQUES	104	NOMURA KAZUHIRO
23	BUENDIA CARLOS C	105	NONES ROMEO C
24	CABANGON EDGARDO A	106	NUNEZ JOSE A
25	CAMAT NATHANIEL	107	OBRADO DANIEL CALZADO
26	CAMPOS JOSELITO JR	108	ONG PHILIP L
27	CANDON RAUL JR C	109	OZAETA MIGUEL ANTONIO L
28	CARLOS VICENTE J	110	PAGDANGANAN ROBERTO M
29	CARRANCEJA ARVIN ARIK B	111	PALACIOS ALBERT C
30	CASTRO KARLO EUGENE JOSEF M	112	PALLASIGIE JOHN BRIAN
31	CATALAN RODOLFO R	113	PAÑARES BEN THOMAS P
32	CEJICA JOHN T	114	PASCUAL ABRAHAM F
33	CHAIWAN RAMI	115	PATTERSON COLIN DAVID
34	CO VAL CONSTANTINE L	116	PATUMIO FELICITO C
35	CORTEZ LORENZO R	117	PELILLO WILFREDO
36	COYILTO ROBERT JR G	118	PINEDA JESUS JR M
37	CRENCIA RAOUIL C	119	PINEDA PATRICIO JR F
38	CUREG ALEXANDER P	120	PIZARRAS JORDAN M
39	CUTTER JOHN MICHAEL	121	PREYSLER FAUSTO JR D R
40	DAVIS RAYMOND N	122	PUALTE JOSE JR
41	DAYANG LUN E	123	RA INGLI
42	DE CASTRO JUAN ARTURO ILLUMINADO C	124	RANKL PETER
43	DEL ROSARIO OSCAR SR	125	RECTO PHILIP H
44	DOMINGO RICO V	126	REYNOLDS DAVID J
45	DOMINGUEZ CARLOS III G	127	RODRIGUEZ JOAQUIN ANTHONY H
46	DY MANUEL C	128	RODRIGUEZ JOAQUIN SR C
47	EGAN BRENDAN W L	129	ROXAS MICHAEL D
48	ELDEBS ISSAM	130	SARMIENTO RICARDO MANUEL M
49	ENRIQUEZ EDUARDO III V	131	SCHMITZ STEFAN
50	ESGUERRA HERMINIO S	132	SCHNEIDER BERND
51	ESQUITIVIAS JOAQUIN PABLO A	133	SERAPIO CARLOS C
52	EUGENIO JOHN EMYL G	134	SEVILLA LUIS ANGELO L
53	FAJARDO BEDA G	135	SHIMODA SHIGERU
54	FERNANDEZ ANTONIO JAIME JOSE V	136	SIBAYAN JOSELITO H
55	FOLLOSCO CEFERINO JR G	137	SIMON JUANITO
56	GARCIA THEODORE Q	138	SO WARREN
57	GARCIA VICTOR III G	139	SOBREPEÑA ROBERT JOHN L
58	GASPAR FERNANDO L	140	STYLCO JOSE JR A
59	GO HENRY S	141	TAGAYRAY HECTOR O
60	GONZALES JONAS R	142	TALAMPAS JOEL ANGEL L
61	GUARIN MICHAEL ARCATOMY H	143	TALUSAN FERDINAND E
62	GUEVARA DOMINGO JR	144	TAMANO SHALIMAR HOFER
63	GUEVARA RICARDO S B	145	TAMAYO VICTOR L
64	HALLARE DELFIN JR T	146	TAN EUSEBIO V
65	HALLARE NICOLAS S	147	TAN JOHN G
66	HALLERBACH MATTHIAS	148	TAN LAWRENCE L
67	HANADA TAKAHIRO	149	TANG JIMMY T
68	HERNANDEZ EDWIN H	150	TEE TEDDY JR B
69	HESSE UWE	151	TEJUMAL SHAM MICHAEL
70	HORTALEZA ROLANDO B	152	TEJUMAL HANSEL JOSEPH MICHAEL
71	HUBVAN BENEDICT JULIUS F	153	VALDES JOEL C
72	IWATA YASUSHI	154	VALDEZ AMAADO D
73	JOSEPH RALPH L	155	VALENCIA JOHN NICO P
74	JUCARAN JERIC J	156	VALENCIA RODOLFO G
75	KALAW THEODORO ALEJANDRO IV J	157	VILLARICA HENRY R
76	KATIGBAK J ALFONSO L	158	YAP ENRIQUE JR Y
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Rotary Briefing Information



A Rotary Briefing Information session was held on November 29, 2024 for Messrs. Stefan Yordanov and Dean Cid.

Present to provide a glimpse of Rotary and Rotary Club of Manila were Chairman/ PDG Obet Pagdanganan, Co-Chairman/ PP Boy Guevara, PP Ebot Tan, and Rtn. Romy Nones.



LifestylePlus

Home / HEALTH / Abbott Continues its Fight Against Malnutrition in the Philippines by Partnering with Rotary Club of Manila



- Abbott and Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) collaborate to help address malnutrition in underserved children
- Abbott will provide screening tools, educational resources, and training to RCM volunteers to help identify, address, and prevent malnutrition risks in children

Abbott announced a collaboration with the Rotary Club of Manila (RCM) to continue its fight against malnutrition in the Philippines. Through the partnership with RCM, Abbott will contribute tools and training to help RCM volunteers—including high school and college students, social workers, and teachers—better respond to the critical nutrition needs in their communities and connect children at risk of stunting to resources in the healthcare system.

In the Philippines, 1 in 4 children under five years of age are stunted or short for their age.¹ Stunting – a prevalent form of malnutrition – can have long-term effects on cognitive development, school achievement, and economic productivity in adulthood. Addressing malnutrition starts with regular screening and early identification of children at risk.

"Fighting malnutrition requires joint efforts between the public and private sectors, and local institutions that support the communities, such as the alliance that we have signed today," said Eduardo "Jujut" V. Enriquez III, president of Rotary Club of Manila. "By leveraging our collective resources, we can foster healthier communities and help detect children at risk for malnutrition early so they can get access to important nutrition care."

Taking a different approach

This partnership, a part of the Abbott Center for Malnutrition Solutions (ACMS) initiative, empowers communities in the Philippines to improve children's health through early malnutrition detection and timely nutrition intervention, with a focus on reducing and preventing childhood stunting.



Dr. Jose Dimaano, nutrition medical director for Asia Pacific at Abbott, and Sharon Mak, director of public affairs for Asia Pacific at Abbott, led the Rotary Club of Manila Volunteer's Training on Malnutrition Screening & Education. The training, which included student and teacher volunteers, focused on equipping participants with the knowledge and skills to effectively screen for malnutrition and how to educate their communities.

"Good nutrition plays a critical role in addressing malnutrition, which is why Abbott has focused on improving nutrition for decades through our innovations and by applying our science and expertise in collaboration with others," said Dr Jose Dimaano, nutrition medical director for Asia Pacific at Abbott. "Through this partnership, we are empowering RCM volunteers with simple tools to solve one of the world's biggest health challenges."

Abbott will equip and train RCM volunteers to use screening tools, including height charts and the Mid-Upper Arm Circumference (MUAC) z-score tape, to help identify malnutrition risk in children starting with two barangays in Metro Manila. The MUAC z-score tape is a simple device that resembles a traditional tape measure and includes age-specific, color-coded indicators that indicate if a child is at risk of malnutrition.



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During the training, volunteers had the opportunity to try hands-on use of MUAC (mid-upper arm circumference) tape, a key tool in malnutrition screening. This session highlighted the importance of using simple tools like height charts and MUAC z-score tape to identify children at risk of stunting and malnutrition, marking a crucial first step in addressing this critical health issue.

Through training RCM volunteers, Abbott is building the capacity to screen for and identify malnutrition at the community or household level, helping to ease some of the burden on healthcare systems. This initiative empowers families to identify children at risk so they can connect with healthcare professionals for appropriate support.

Abbott and RCM will also educate families and children about the nutritional value of common foods and guide them toward making healthier choices. The curriculum will include practical lessons on meal planning, understanding food labels, and preparing affordable, nutritious meals using locally available ingredients.



This collaboration builds on Abbott's Growth Watch initiative, which aims to identify childhood malnutrition and stunting early through growth monitoring and nutrition education. Since 2021, the Growth Watch initiative has measured and educated more than 161,000 children and families. This work will also contribute to Abbott's 2030 Sustainability Plan ambition to transform care for malnutrition, chronic disease, and infectious diseases, to improve the lives of 3 billion people a year by decade's end.

BusinessMirror

PAWS AND REFLECT: ROTARY LEADS RABIES PREVENTION DRIVE

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The Rotary Club of Manila, in collaboration with Rotary International District 3810, PETA Asia, Biyaya Foundation, and RCMFI, held a free spay/neuter and vaccination drive at Gawad Kalinga Plaza, Baseco Compound, Port Area, Manila on November 30, 2024.

The event, themed “Let’s Stop the Spread of Diseases and Save Lives Against Rabies,” aimed to treat over 400 dogs and cats, promoting animal health and rabies prevention.

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Let's Stop the Spread of Diseases and Save Lives Against Rabies



November 30, 2024

Gawad Kalinga, Port Area, Baseco Compound, Manila

A collaborative initiative between PETA Philippines, Biyaya Foundation, and RC Manila, this project aims to address one of Rotary's 7 Areas of Focus, specifically Disease Prevention and Treatment. Its goal is to reduce the spread of diseases, including rabies, in marginalized communities.



RCM delegates listen intently to Ms. Ashley Fruno (Dir., PETA Asia) as she gives a briefing on how the spaying/neutering process will proceed.



From left: ES Lhea Lozano, PVP/RCMFI Chair Reggie Yu, Dir. Henry Go, Rtn. Ferdie Co, Ms. Lia Enriquez, Pres. Jujut Enriquez, PDG Alex Cureg, DSAA Rami Chahwan, PD Issam Eldebs, and Rtn. Phil Ong



YOUTH SERVICE

PT Karlo Castro Hosts Dinner for Rotaractors



PT Karlo Castro hosted a dinner/fellowship on Saturday, November 30, 2024 for Rotaractors from:

District 3810:

- Rotaract Club of Manila

District 3830:

- Rotaract Club of Puerto Princesa
- Rotaract Club of Palawan State University
- Rotaract Club of Makati
- Rotaract Club of Changebringers

District 3850:

- Rotaract Club of Sagay-Sinigayan

The Rotaractors had a couple of joint projects in Puerto Princesa for 2 Dayan.

ROTATING ROTARIAN

PP Hermie Esguerra Attends Rotary Institute Taipei, Taiwan



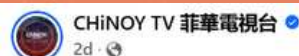
PP Hermie Esguerra with PDG Andre Suharto from District 3310, Malaysia, who currently serves as RI's Regional End Polio Chair.



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**PVP Reggie Yu Honored with
the Prestigious *Xavier-Kuangchi
Award for Exemplary Alumni* by
His Alma Mater, Xavier School**



Congratulations, [Reginald Yu](#)! 🎉👏

We are thrilled to announce that Reginald Yu (李尚強), a distinguished alumnus of [Xavier School](#) (Class of 1984), has been honored with the prestigious Xavier-Kuangchi Award for Exemplary Alumni! 🏆👏

For over four decades, Reggie has demonstrated unwavering dedication to service and leadership across various organizations, including the [Rotary Club of Manila](#), [JCI Manila](#), the [Anvil Business Club](#), and many others. His inspiring contributions have earned him international recognition, such as the Most Outstanding JCI Member of the World (2004) and Star Rotarian of the Year (2020).

This award celebrates Reggie's commitment to excellence and service, reflecting the highest ideals of Xavier School. His exemplary achievements continue to inspire not only the Xavier community but also the broader Chinoy community. 💙🌍

Congratulations once again, Reggie! Your legacy of leadership and service is a beacon of inspiration. 🙌🏆

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a SPEDcial Christmas Party



SPED Project | December 3, 2024, 4:00 PM | Antipolo Sports Hub, Barangay San Isidro, Antipolo City

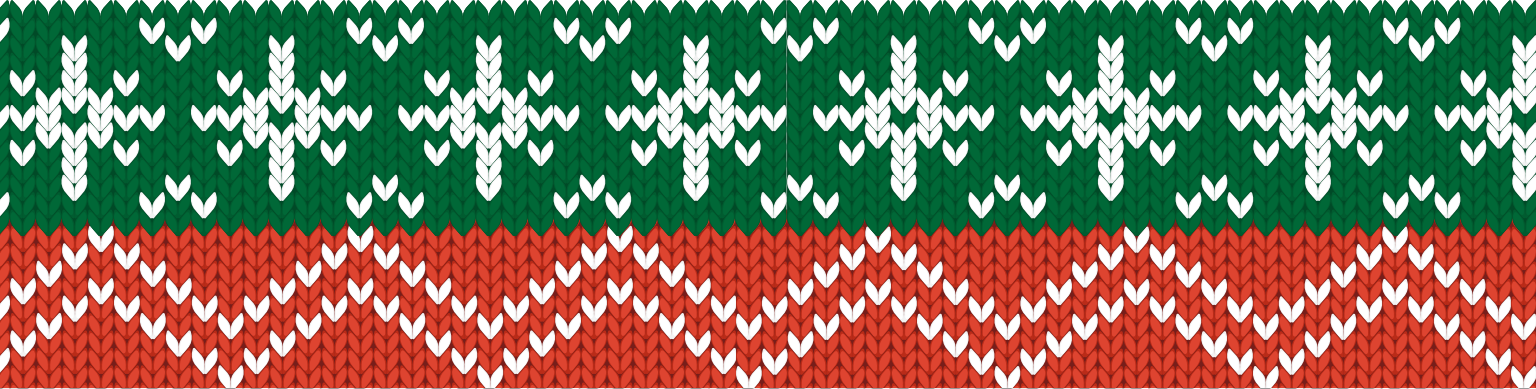
From left: Ms. Justine & Ivan the Selfie Magician, Congressman Robbie Puno, representatives from Soroptimists, Board Member Randy Puno, Ms. Cheska Puno, former Congresswoman Chiqui Roa-Puno, Baby Reese Puno, Nick Puno, Pres. Jujut Enriquez, SPED Chair Nico Hallare, Rtn. Ben Ibuyan, and Rtn. Aldous Alingog

This project recognized and supported approximately 800 SPED beneficiaries in collaboration with the Office of Congressman Robert Puno. The initiative aimed to empower individuals with congenital cognitive or locomotive disabilities and promote personal hygiene to safeguard their health.

The project was held in partnership with the PLDT Smart Foundation, STAR Nutri-Meats, and the City Government of Antipolo.

SPED teachers, students, and families from district government schools also participated.



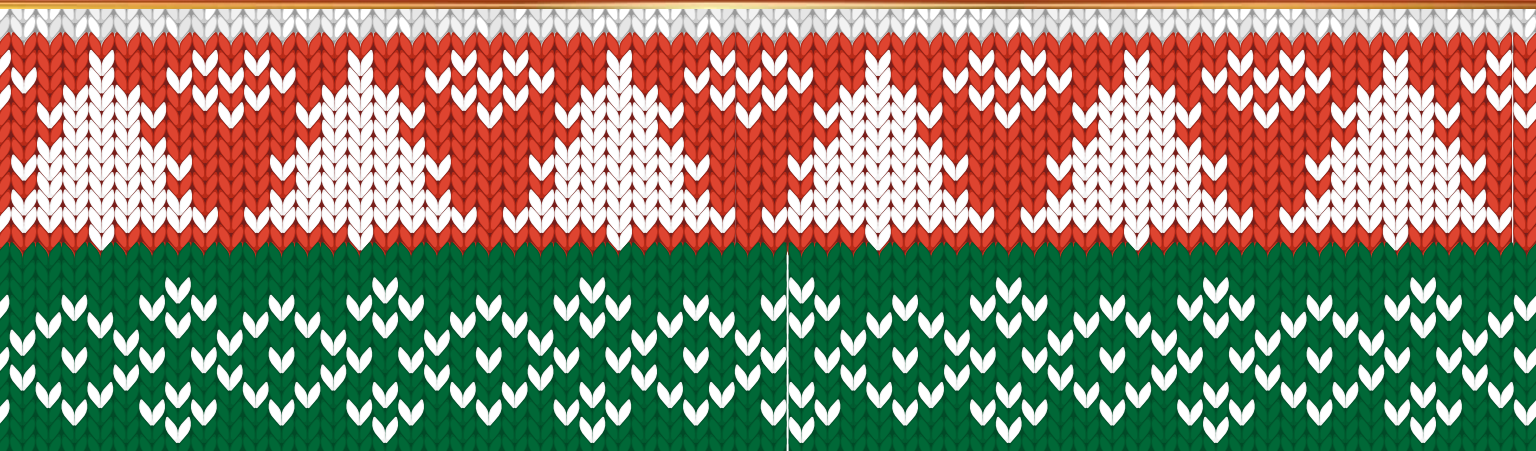


RC Manila's Christmas PARTY 2024

December 12 | 5:00 PM
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Bring your favorite liquor to share, enjoy great music from a live band, and rock your best "OLDEST" sweater outfit!





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